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Captain MARVEL!

BATTLES MR. ATOM AND THE
COMET MEN



SINCE THE FIRST STORY OF MR. ATOM APPEARED, MANY READERS HAVE WRITTEN TO ASK WHETHER THE MOST POWERFUL VILLAIN OF ALL TIME CAN BE SAFELY IMPROBISHED & AN UNDERGROUND LEAD CHANGED OR WHETHER HE WILL AGAIN BREAK FREE TO WREAK HAVOC ON THE WORLD!
THIS STORY IS THE ANSWER!

TRAVELING ACROSS SOLAR SPACE, A BLAZING COMET STREAMS A HEAVY TRAIL BETWEEN THE PLANETS.

LIKE A LANCE OF LIGHT, A TINY SPACE PROJECTILE ZOOMS OUTWARD FROM THE DANCING COMET, ITS DESTINATION: EARTH!

AND WITHIN THE SPACE PROJECTILE...

WE SHOULD REACH THE PLANET EARTH IN ABOUT AN HOUR, MASTER!

SEND ME THE REPORTS!





THE NECESSARY INFORMATION IS ALL HERE? POPULATION... ECONOMIC STATUS... POLITICAL DISTURBANCES... SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT?

EVERYTHING IS COMPLETE MASTER! FOR TWO YEARS WE HAVE CAREFULLY OBSERVED THIS PLANET!



WHAT IS THE VERDICT?

THE PLANET IS SMALL, BUT WELL ADAPTED FOR COLONIZING PURPOSES! THERE WILL BE RESISTANCE FROM THE INHABITANTS...



... BUT WE CAN APPLY THE USUAL METHODS!

DIVIDE OUR ENEMIES... AND CONQUER! WHEN ALL RESISTANCE IS CRUSHED, COLONISTS FROM OUR COMET WILL MOVE IN! THEN WE SHALL DESTROY OUR ALLIES AND GO ALONE!



WE NEED SOMEONE ON THE PLANET EARLY TO WORK WITH US! IS THERE SUCH A ONE?

YES, MASTER! A CREATURE OF UNBELIEVABLE STRENGTH, WHO ALSO DECIDED TO SUE THE PLANET! HIS NAME IS MR. ARON!



I SEE NOW HOW A PRISONER! GOOD! WE SHALL FREE HIM, TO WORK FOR US! HE CAN BE DESTROYED WHEN HIS USEFULNESS IS ENDED!



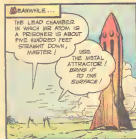
SOME TIME LATER, AT STATION WHIZ, WHICH BELONGS TO BILLY BATHON IS BROADCASTING...



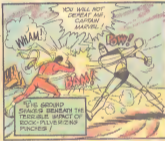
ROULE! THERE'S SENSATIONAL NEWS TODAY! A TINY FRAGMENT OF THE COMET THAT SHOULD HAVE PASSED THROUGH BATHON'S COMET HAS LANDED ON THE DESERT OUTSIDE SAN DOMINGO!

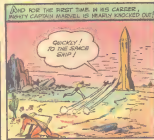


WITNESSES SAW THE COMET FRAGMENT BURSTLE DOWN FROM THE SKY! SCIENTISTS ARE NOW HEADED FOR THE AREA TO DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE FRAGMENT!



CAPTAIN MARVEL





3 THE COMET SHIP, SOMEWHERE ABOVE THE EARTH'S LONOSPHERE....

TO RULE THE WORLD, YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE YOUR POWER / ONLY THOSE WHO CAN DESTROY ARE FIT TO RULE /

I AGREE / BUT WHAT SHALL I DO ?



THIS IS MY SUGGESTION / LET US CHOOSE A CERTAIN CITY AS A TARGET, AND OBLETERATE IT AS A WARNING TO THE OTHERS /

WE WILL TELL THEM TO SURRENDER, OR SUFFER THE SAME FATE / YES / THAT IS A GOOD IDEA /



I SHALL RULE THE WORLD / THAT IS THE DESTINY OF MR. ATOM /

THE FOOD ROLL / HIS DESTINY IS DEATH---AS SOON AS HE HAS SERVED OUR PURPOSE /



4 DANVILLE, BELLY BAISSON VISITS THE WORLD'S LARGEST OBSERVATORY....

I'VE A THEORY THAT SO-CALLED COMET FRAGMENT THAT LANDED IN SAN JORDADO WAS REALLY A SPACE SHIP / NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND OF ANY OTHER TYPE OF MISSILE /

YOU'RE WRONG, BELLY / I'VE BEEN EXAMINING THE COMET THROUGH MY TELESCOPE /



IN MY OPINION, NO KIND OF LIFE COULD EXIST THERE MUCH LESS ANY BEINGS BE...WENT ENOUGH TO HAVE BUILT A SPACE SHIP / IN FACT, THE COMET IS RAPIDLY BURNING ITSELF OUT....

WITHIN A VERY SHORT TIME IT WILL PROBABLY EXPLODE / IF THERE WERE ANY COMET MEN WHO LANDED ON EARTH, THEY'LL NEVER RETURN TO THE COMET AGAIN....

I SHALL BELIEVE THOSE CREATURES CAPTAIN MARVEL ENCOUNTERED CAME FROM THE COMET /

BUT IT MAY BE TRUE THAT THE COMET IS BURNING ITSELF OUT / THAT MAY EVEN EXPLAIN WHY THE COMET MEN CAME TO EARTH / MAYBE TO COLONIZE IT /





CAPTAIN MARVEL



SUDDENLY THE BRANCHES OF OUTER SPACE ARE CONVULSED BY A HORRIFIC EXPLOSION. THERE IS A FLASHING, BLINDING LIGHT, BRIGHTER THAN THE MOONDAY SUN!



THE COMET EXPLODED!

MY WORLD IS GONE / VANISHED IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE / WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO FOR ME TO CONQUER THE EARTH NOW?

YOU DO NOT CONQUER THE EARTH / IT IS I!



I, MR. ATOM, AM MEANT TO BE THE EARTH'S RULER!



ROO!

YOU WERE USEFUL TO ME! BUT NOW IT IS OVER! YOU SHALL NOT OBTAIN YOUR ANTI-MATTER...

RAY! UPSTART! I WILL CRUSH YOU!



INSIDE THE SPACE SHIP, THE ANTAGONISTS MEET IN BRAGING, TERRIBLE CONFLICT... MR. ATOM VOICED THE COMET AWAY!



HOLY MOLLEY!

THE COMET SHIP BLOWN UP! MR. ATOM MUST HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN THE BATTLE! I WONDER WHAT CAUSED IT?



WAITER, BACK ON EARTH AGAIN...

CAPTAIN MARVEL BELIEVES THERE WAS A FINAL BATTLE BETWEEN THE MAN FROM THE COMET AND MR. ATOM. WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHO WON IT! THE COMET MAN TRIED TO GAIN POWER THROUGH MR. ATOM AND FOUND DISASTER! IT IS STRANGELY TRUE THAT... HE WHO LIVES BY THE ATOM, DIES BY THE ATOM!



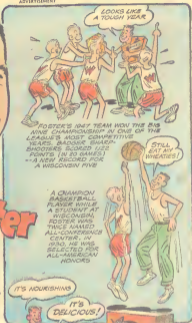


Bud **Foster**

CHAMPION BASKETBALL COACH,
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN'S FAST-BREAKING GAME DEMANDS STAMINA," SAYS COACH FOSTER. "THAT'S WHY I LIKE TO SEE MY BOYS EAT RIGHT—STARTING WITH BREAKFAST. AND, I SAY A BREAKFAST BUILT AROUND A BIG BOWL OF WHEATIES, WITH MILK AND FRUIT, PACKS A LOT OF MIGHTY DELICIOUS NOURISHMENT."

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A CHAMPION BASKETBALL PLAYER WHILE A STUDENT AT WISCONSIN, FOSTER WAS THICE NAMED ALL-CONFERENCE CENTER. IN 1930, HE WAS SELECTED FOR ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

IT'S NOURISHING

IT'S DELICIOUS!





REPORT CARD



Captain MARVEL

AND THE PACT PLOT



ON SO MANY OTHER MORNINGS BEFORE, BILLY BATSON GOES TO WORK ONE MORNING AT STATION WHIZ WHERE HE IS THE STAR BOY NEWSCASTER!

I'VE GOT A BUSY DAY AHEAD OF ME, I'LL GO EARLY TO MY OFFICE AND DO MY WORK!



BUT A BAD DISPOSEE MEETS BILLY IN HIS OFFICE!

HEY! WHAT GOOD OR HERE? THIS IS MY OFFICE!



NOT ANY MORE, SON-BOY! I'VE DECIDED TO TAKE THIS OFFICE OVER OURSELVES!

DON'T BOTHER US!





HOW BOYS, OR? I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE, BUT THEY DON'T BELONG IN STATION WREZ, SO ...
SARZAM!



THE ARGENT HANE ECHOES WITH A CRASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING, AND THE BOY BECOMES THE WORLD'S RICHEST MAN!



HOW BOYS THIS? WE DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED!
GET OUT!



JUST TRY TO PUT ME OUT!

WHE!

BLAM!

GYS!



BUT NOW STERLING MORNING, THE OWNER OF STATION WREZ, APPEARS, AND...

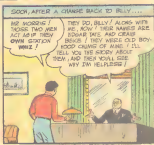
STOP, CAPTAIN MARVEL! LET THEM ALONE!

WHAT? YOU'RE STICKING UP FOR THEM, MR MORNING?



BUT THEY TOOK YOUR BILLY'S MONEY! WHAT SHOULD I HAVE SAID TO THEM?

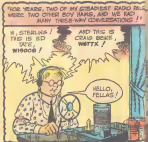
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! SEND BILLY INTO MY OFFICE, AND I'LL EXPLAIN ALL THIS TO HIM!



SOON, AFTER A CHANGE BACK TO BILLY ...

MR MORNING! THOSE TWO MEN ACT AS IF THEY OWN STATION WREZ!

THEY DO, BILLY! ALONG WITH ME, ROW! THEIR NAMES ARE EDGAR TATE AND CEASAR BEEKS! THEY WERE OLD BOY-BOOD CRIMS OF NAME! I'LL TELL YOU THE GORY ABOUT THEM, AND THEN YOU'LL SEE WHY I'M HELPING!





THAT'S A NEAT TRICK, OF COURSE! NOW COULD BRICK AND BOYS TURN ME INTO SUCH A GOOD, GRASPING MAN? I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE STATION WHIZ A SUCCESS, AND NOW THEY'RE CASTING ME! IT ISN'T FAIR!

POOR ME BOBBY!



WELL, I'VE GOT TO GET ON WITH MY WORK, EVEN IF I DO HAVE TWO NEW BOBBIES! IT'S TIME FOR MY BOBBIES NEWS BROADCAST!

STUDIO B



IS ANYONE ELSE ASKING ABOUT BILLY?

OH BOB!

HELLO, FOLKS! THIS IS BILLY BEBE, YOUR NEW BOY NEWS-CASTER, BRINGING YOU THE NEWS FROM STATION WHIZ!

WHAF? I'M SUPPOSED TO GIVE THE NEWS!

SCRAM, KID! MY REVIEW GETS THE JOB FROM NOW ON!



THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG JOB, AND...

OH YEAH? DON'T FORGET THIS FACT, MAKING US EQUAL PARTNERS! DO YOU WANT TO NOTE ON WHO DOES THE BROADCAST?



ALL IN NAME OF MY REVIEW BROADCASTING...

A YE!

A YE! YOURS OUTVOTED, MORRIS—TWO TO ONE!

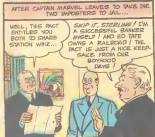


BUT WE MUST PARDON US IMMEDIATELY, KID! HERE, FOLKS! IF ALL THE MICROPHONES! WE'LL KEEP YOU BUSY! HA HA HA!



CAPTAIN MARVEL





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NAME _____

HOW I GOT HERE _____

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SEND THE COUPON IN

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*This won't happen to
you if you know*



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TURN HIM AWAY!

WONDER WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO DOPEY DANNY? I SENT HIM TO THE GROCER'S OVER AN HOUR AGO!



AH! THERE HE IS NOW BUT HE HADN'T ANY PACKAGES!!



DANNY! WHY DON'T YOU GET THE THINGS I SENT YOU TO THE GROCER'S FOR?



I HAD TO WAIT SO LONG, I FORGOT WHAT YOU WANTED.

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK HERE AND FIND OUT?



I WAS AFRAID...

...I'D LOSE MY TUR TO BE WAITED ON



Willie Wonder.. by S. P. Black



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THE BOY WHO NEVER HEARD OF....

Captain MARVEL



I'M CAPTAIN
MARVEL!

WHO?
NEVER HEARD
OF YOU!

OUT IN THE HILLS, REMOTE FROM CIVILIZATION, A GOLD PROSPECTOR SPEAKS TO HIS SON ONE DAY.

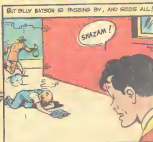
BACK, TAKE THE SACK O' GOLD DEST TO TH' CITY, AND CASH IT IN FOR MONEY AT TH' BANK! I ALUS WENT BEFORE, YES, BUT I GOT TH' DISMATE, AND I CAN'T MOVE!

WALK SOUTH 20 MILES, AND THEN FOLLOW TH' HIGHWAY INTO TH' CITY!

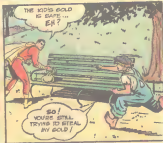
YES,
PAW! GEE,
I'M GONNA
SEE TH' CITY!

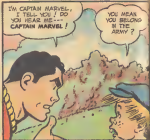
WHEE! SHOULDN'T HAVE SENT HIM / YES NEVER BEEN TO TH' CITY BEFORE / WE NEVER HAD A RADIO, OR ANY NEWSPAPERS HERE / DAD DOESN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT CITY FOLKS ... OH WELL, HE'S GOTTA LEARN SOME TIME!













CAPTAIN MARVEL



ASTONISHING! THIS BOY NEVER HEARD OF CAPTAIN MARVEL! MY BOY, HE'S THE EMBODY OF ALL EVIL! HE HAS TERRIFIC STRENGTH AND POWER!



YOU DIDN'T SEE IT, BUT HE SLIPPED OPEN THE WALLET DOOR WITH HIS TWO BARE HANDS!

GOSH!



MY GUARD WILL SHOOT AT HIM/SEE THE BULLETS BOUNCING?

GOLLY!



TELL ALL THE GORRONS ABOUT YOU WERE TRUE! SEE, I'M SORRY --- ER --- I CALLED YOU A CROOK, CAPTAIN MARVEL!

SLIP IT, LAD! NO NASH DONE!



AFTER THE BOY WAS TORNED IN THE GOLD DUST FOR MONEY...

I'LL TAKE YOU HOME!

YOU RY' ERD! WHEEER!



WHAT'S THAT? A BIG RED EAGLE! I'LL SHOOT IT.

FWW! DON'T SHOOT! IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL!



CAPTAIN MARVEL???

I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY! FWW! WE'VE BEEN LIVED IN THE HILLS SO LONG, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD!

PEE WEE



PETE

A STUDY
IN SALARIES

PEE WEE, I'VE NOTICED
YOU READING THAT
BOOK FOR THE LAST
THREE MONTHS!



THAT'S
RIGHT, I'M
STUDYING!

OH, I DIDN'T
KNOW THAT! WHAT
ARE YOU
STUDYING?



HOW TO
INCREASE
MY SALARY!

WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?

TO THE BOSS
AND GET A
RAISE... I'VE
FINISHED THE
BOOK!



A FEW MINUTES LATER

HOW'D YOU
MAKE OUT?

NO GOOD!
THE BOSS
TURNED ME
DOWN!



DON'T
WALK AWAY
WITH MY
BOOK!

NAH. JUST MY
LUCK. THE BOSS
HAS BEEN
STUDYING ALSO!



IS THAT RIGHT?
WHAT HAS HE
BEEN STUDYING?

HOW TO
CUT DOWN
EXPENSES!



THE SPACE TRAP

A Jon Jarl Adventure

By

Eando Binder



LIEUTENANT JON JARL laid his blue-and-gold uniform away. He looked at himself in the full-length mirror. He had to smile. He looked strange in a plain civilian suit. And it almost felt funny not to be in a space ship, cruising the space lanes and their many dangers.

Lieutenant Jon Jarl of the Space Patrol was on vacation. Two whole weeks to do nothing but loaf and enjoy himself. He went out and took a taxi-copter to an outlying suburban home. He was invited to a party by his old friend, Pete Halloran.

"Look," Jon said to Pete, as they went in. "Just introduce me as Jonny Jarl. Skip the Lieutenant. I want to forget all about the Space Patrol for two weeks."

"Oh, brother!" was all Pete said, with an odd smile.

Jon knew the reason a while later, as the group of young people started up a game of story-telling. The story-hero was named Staunchheart. He had a girl friend, Delicia. And the dastardly, nasty villain was Dr. Shnarf.

The idea of the game was for each person in turn to take up the story, putting the hero or the heroine in some frightful trap, engineered by the fiendish villain. The hero then had to rescue himself, or the girl, in some logical way—the invention of which was the task of the next story-teller.

The universe was the limit. The story could range anywhere in space, to the furthest star or the most impossible planet. And each story-teller, in turn, took delight in putting the hero or girl in more and more fantastic traps.

Jon squirmed at first, listening to the story. He had hoped to forget all about space for the evening. But gradually he became interested in the nonsensical, spun-out tale, each episode more exciting than the last.

The girl to the left of Jon found the hero, Staunchheart, with his feet encased in cement, being dropped down into a pool of boiling oil, on the planet Horridos. How could he save himself? The girl screwed up her face in thought and then—

"Well, our noble hero, Staunchheart, thought fast! Just before he hit the surface of the pool of oil, he threw down a lighted match! The oil blazed up, and the terrific heat cracked the cement away from his feet! Staunchheart then quickly dove under the oil, safe from fire, and swam to shore. He was a bit singed of course, when he dashed up on the land, but then our hero has superb physical stamina, so he ignored it."

The usual peals of laughter followed. The game was more in fun than anything. The girl now continued. "But evil Dr. Shnarf, speeding away in his space ship, with Delicia as a captive, saw this through his television pick up. Snarling in rage, he took revenge by putting the girl in a trap. He put her in a space suit, tied a magnetic bomb to her, and flung her out into space. Now Staunchheart still has his space ship with which to follow. But if he approaches within 100 feet of the girl, the magnetic bomb will automatically go off!"

She turned amused eyes at Jon Jarl. "There you are, Jonny. Get her out of that trap!"

JON had the answer before she finished speaking. "Simple enough. He took acid out of his ship's batteries, put it into a glass vial, and carefully hurled it toward the girl. With true Staunchheart aim, the acid vial hit the bomb and spilled acid over it, dissolving away metal parts and making it useless. Then he took the girl into the ship."

"That was easy," said the young man to Jon's right. "It's my turn next. Put the hero into a real tough spot, will you? Give me something hard!"

JON looked at him, smiling slightly. "Okay! It so happened Dr. Snaarl had lung around, and saw this rescue. He immediately turned his Paralyza Ray on our hero's ship, rendering Staunchheart helpless. Then he boarded the ship and drained away all but a gallon of rocket fuel. He set the robot pilot, and then took the girl to his own ship. A minute later, the hero's ship rocketed away. Staunchheart will remain paralyzed for an hour. By that time, the rocket fuel will be used up, and his ship will be speeding out into space, toward the star Riga—with no rocket fuel to turn and come back!"

"Ouch!" mumbled the young man whose turn it was to carry on the game. "That's really stiff! Well, let's see, the hero would—uh—er—"

His voice died away, baffled. For a long minute there was silence. Another voice piped up. "Need some help? The hero could get in his space suit, jump from the ship, and—zh—"

"And float there for several years, without food or water, waiting for a ship to pass by?" said Jon mildly.

There was another long silence. Puzzled eyes turned to Jon. Finally Pete spoke up. "Holy smoke, Jon! We're all stuck! Let's see you get the hero out of your own trap!"

Jon spoke without hesitation. "Remem-

ber, nothing else in the ship was touched—just the fuel drained away. All space ships are equipped with electric batteries needed to run the radio and radar equipment. Staunchheart hooked up all his batteries and sent the charge through his ship's bull. This gave the ship a strong negative charge. When a huge meteor passed him, not long after, the small ship was attracted toward the meteor, like a bit of iron fling to a magnet. This jerked the ship out of its straight line course, and made it turn into a parabolic curve, which brought it eventually into the vicinity of a planet."

"But wait," protested a voice from the group. "Our hero still has no fuel for his rocket motor. The ship would only crash on the planet then!"

Jon went on. "But our hero saw his salvation as he came down for a crash. He spotted a small lake to the side. So he leaped from the ship and dove safely into the water as the ship crashed on land. He swam and crawled up on shore, pretty harrowed, but alive. And saved from the frightful fate of shooting through space in a runaway space ship!"

A LONG sigh escaped from the assembled guests. One voice said, "It sounded so real! Almost as if you went through the whole thing yourself!"

"I did," Jon said quietly, and they noticed now how serious his face was. "Only the villain's name wasn't Dr. Snaarl. It was Dr. Hal Brutus!"

"And the hero's name," said Pete's voice in awe, "wasn't Staunchheart. It was Lieutenant Jon Jarl of the Space Patrol!"

THE END

There'll be another thrilling adventure with **JON JARL** in the future in the next issue of **CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURES!**

CAPTAIN KID AND TWO GHOSTS TOO MANY









I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!



MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...
OKAY, CAPTAIN KID. IT'S TWELVE O'CLOCK AND TIME FOR YOU TO GO IN... OR HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND?

N-NO, I'M GOING IN!



I'D LIKE TO S-B-BACK OUT, BUT THE GANG WOULD NEVER LET ME LIVE IT O-DOWN. I ONLY HOPE THE TWO GHOSTS ARE ASLEEP!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

LOOK! THE TWO GHOSTS....



... THEY'RE LEAVING! NOW THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! I'LL GO RIGHT INSIDE!



ENTERING...

YOU AND YOUR GREAT IDEAS, RUDDY!

HAVE SOME MORE BEER, SINCE THE THREATS ON ME... I MEAN RUDDY AND SLIM. I'M USING THE MONEY I WON FROM THEM!

AH, SPLIT UP, RALPH! IT'S YOUR FAULT JUST AS MUCH AS MINE THAT WE LOST THE BET!



GET OUT YOUR CODE FINDERS, PALS! HERE'S YOUR REGULAR GUY MESSAGE!

IN THE BUILD HEREIN THE FIRST NUMBER IN THE LU XXXXXX
NUMBER TWENTY SEVEN, I SA BUT THE OTHER DAY I SAW
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IT BELONGED TO A MAN NAMED JOHN DREWS. HE BOUGHT IT, AND THEN FORGOT ALMOST COMPLETELY ABOUT IT!



HE WAS CARRYING THE TICKET IN HIS INSIDE BREAST POCKET ON THE NIGHT HE DECIDED TO RIDE HIS BUSINESS PARTNER'S SAFE, AND SO THE TICKET MUST HAVE FELT THE SHOCK, FRIGHTENED LURCH OF HIS HEART...







AND THERE GOES THE WEDDRESS!



WE WON'T GET VERY FAR!



GONE! HERE'S GIVEN ME 'THE SLIP'!



CAPTAIN MARVEL NEVER THOUGHT OF LOOKING FOR ME OUTSIDE THE WINDOW! I ROLLED HIM COMPLETELY! HA-HA!



LATER, IN A FURNISHED ROOM....

I DIDN'T DARE GO BACK TO MY OWN PLACE! CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL GIVE MY DESCRIPTION TO THE POLICE! IT WOULDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THEM TO...SLIP!



EMPTY! THERE ISN'T ANY MONEY!



MY PARTNER MUST HAVE EMPTIED THE CASH BOXES, AFTER FINDING OUT ABOUT THE SHORTAGE IN THE ACCOUNTS! BLAST THE LUCK! I WAS COUNTING ON THAT MONEY TO BUY MY PASSAGE OUT OF THE COUNTRY!





WHY DON'T YOU TRY SELLING THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE ? THAT'S A BETTER RACKET !
HA-HA !

NO ONE BELIEVES ME !



IMAGINE THE NERVE OF THAT GUY ! HE TRIED TO PULL OFF A CONTESTED LOTTERY TICKET ON ME !

HA-HA ! THAT'S A GOOD JOKE !



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AND SO, IN BILLY BATSON'S OFFICE AT STATION WHIZ ...

A MAN TRYING TO SELL THE WINNING LOTTERY TICKET ?-HOLD HIM THERE ! I'LL BE RIGHT OVER !



IT SO HAPPENS THE WINNING TICKET HADN'T BEEN CASHED ! AND THE DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT !
SHAZAM !



THERE'S A CHANCE THIS FELLOW REALLY HAS THE TICKET ! IF HE'S AFRAID TO CASH IT, HE MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON ! IN THAT CASE, I WANT TO MEET HIM AND FIND OUT WHY !

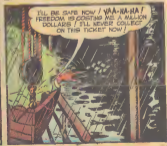


BUT WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL ARRIVES,

I KEPT HIM HERE AS LONG AS I COULD ! THEN HE GOT SUSPICIOUS, AND RAN OUT !

I'LL FIND HIM !





BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL IS CLOSE ON JOHN
DEERING TRAIL !

A FELLOW GLANCED ME
FROM BEHIND / DIDN'T
QUITE KNOW HE WAS
TYPING / I SAW HIM
RUN UP ONTO THE
DECK !

THAT
MUST BE
THE MAN
I'M LOOKING
FOR !



THIS GAME OF HIDE AND
SEEK IS OVER ! YOU
CAN'T GET AWAY
NOW !

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
ESCAPE !



I WON'T HAND
ROE MURDER !
I'LL KILL
MYSELF
FIRST !

NO, YOU
WON'T !



YOU'VE CAUGHT ME, SO
I'LL CONFESS ! I CALLED
MY PARTNER, GEORGE
NORTON, WHEN HE
CAUGHT ME STEALING
FROM OUR FISH
SAFE !

NORTON ? HE WASN'T
DEAD ! THAT WIFE
WOUND YOU GAVE
HIM WASN'T
SERIOUS AT
ALL !



BUT YOU'LL STAND TRIAL
FOR SWINDLING MONEY,
AND ROE FELONIOUS
ASSAULT !

I HAVEN'T ENOUGH MONEY TO
HIRE A LAWYER ! BUT I
THREW AWAY A MILLION
DOLLAR LOTTERY
TICKET !

WAA-HA-HA-HA-HA !



THERE WAS A
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CAPT. KID

CAN'T FOOL HIM

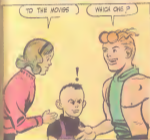


BOG, THERE'S BETTY MAR... AND SAUCER. SHE'S GOT A DATE WITH PUGS!



HELLO, CAPTAIN KID!

WINGS ARE YOU BORN, BETTY MAR?



TO THE MOVIES

WHICH ONE?



THE BIYOU

OH, YEAH IF YOU DON'T POOL WE FOR A SECOND...



... YOU TELL ME THE BIYOU SO I WOULD THINK YOU'RE GOING TO THE ACME. AND ALL THE TIME I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL....



... YOU'RE GOING TO THE BIYOU!

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